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IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-13 (Cancelled)

14. (New). A support for a cartridge provided with one or more electronically readable items of information carrying area, wherein the support is at least partially constituted by one or more electrically connecting supports, each comprising a number of closely spaced mutually electrically insulated conductors embedded in an electrically insulating material that stretches from one of the supporting surfaces of the cartridge to a contact area for receiving and transferring the information, when the cartridge is positioned in the support and wherein the support is made of elastomeric materials.
15. (New) A support for a cartridge provided with one or more electronically readable items of information carrying area, wherein the support is at least partially constituted by one or more electrically connecting supports, each comprising a number of closely spaced mutually electrically insulated conductors embedded in an electrically insulating material that stretches from one of the supporting surfaces of the cartridge to a contact area for receiving and transferring the information, when the cartridge is positioned in the support and wherein the cartridge has an axis of symmetry and the contact area comprises a group of identical and regularly spaced electrically conducting pad of width W_{cp} in the direction of adjacent pads, the adjacent pads being separated by an electrically insulating area of width $D_{i,c}$ and the following relations between said distances are fulfilled:
 $D_{i,c} > 2 * T_{il} + T_{cl}$.
16. (New) A support for a cartridge provided with one or more electronically readable items of information carrying area, wherein the support is at least partially constituted by one or more electrically connecting supports, each comprising a number of closely spaced mutually electrically insulated conductors embedded in an electrically insulating material that stretches from one of the supporting surfaces of the cartridge to a contact area for receiving and transferring the information, when the cartridge is positioned in the support, wherein the cartridge has an axial direction of symmetry and the cartridge is

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provided with a plurality of rectangular, essentially parallel, identically sized information carrying areas of height H_{ica} in the direction of the circumference of the axis of symmetry, the information carrying areas being spaced with equal mutual distance D_{ica} along the periphery of the cartridge in the direction of a circumference of the axis of symmetry and the supporting means comprising two rectangular, essentially parallel, identical electrically connecting supports of height H_{ctm} in the direction perpendicular to the axis of symmetry of the cartridge, separated by an electrically insulating volume of width D_{ctm} between the two electrically connecting supports and satisfying the following relationship between the distances: $H_{ica} < D_{ctm} < 2 * H_{ica} + D_{ica}$, and $H_{ctm} < D_{ica} < 2 * H_{ctm} + D_{ctm}$.